



CITY OF LEMON GROVE

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item No. 1.F

Meeting Date: January 15, 2019

Submitted to: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Department: Public Works Department

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Item Title: Application For The Connect Main Street Phase 3-6 Project
For San Diego Association of Governments Cycle 4 Regional
Active Transportation Program Funding

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution approving an application for the Connect Main Street Phase 3-6 Project for San Diego Association of Governments Cycle 4 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funding.

Summary: In July 2018, City staff submitted an application to the State of California ATP to design and construct phases three through six of the Connect Main Street project. In December 2018, staff learned that its application was not recommended for award. However, there is a secondary ATP regional grant program that staff can now submit the same application for consideration. This staff report supports a resolution that will recommend, if the application receives funding, to exchange regional ATP dollars with TransNet Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP) dollars. The chief benefit of this exchange is a reduction in city administrative staff work associated with federal funding requirements.

Discussion: In 2015, 30 percent design concepts for the Connect Main Street Extension Project was approved by the City Council. This project proposed multiple surface treatments, park improvements, walking/biking paths on Main Street from Broadway to southerly City limits. Since the concept approval, City staff has applied for any applicable grant funds to assist with the design completion and construction of the Connect Main Street Project. Most recently in 2017, staff was awarded a Housing-Related Parks Program Grant to construct segment I, phase I of the Connect Main Street project between Broadway and Central Avenue. In addition to that, the City was awarded a Smart Growth Improvement Program grant that funded the Main Street Promenade Park design and construction.

In keeping with this process, staff applied for a statewide ATP grant to complete phases three through six. In December 2018, staff learned that its application for \$6.4 million was unsuccessful. The application ranked 13th out of 49 applications from San Diego County, 140th out of 554 applications received statewide, and only four applications were awarded from San Diego County cities. The total score for the city's application was 83 out of 100, with a minimum score of 90 required for funding consideration.

Even though the City's application was unsuccessful, the ATP program has a secondary grant review and award process that is delegated to the regional level. This program, the Regional ATP grant program, is available to all applications that did not receive funding in the statewide ATP program. Considering the City's application was in the top 30 percent of County applications, staff is optimistic that the prospect of being selected at the regional level is good based on the limited number of applications submitted from the County.

Staff anticipates the following timeline will apply to this process moving forward:

- January 2019: Projects not programmed distributed to large metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) based on location. This is SANDAG for the City's application process.
- February 15, 2019: Deadline for MPO draft project programming recommendations to the California Transportation Commission (Commission).
- April 30, 2019: Deadline for MPO final project programming recommendations to the Commission.
- June 26-27, 2019: Commission adopts MPO selected projects.

If awarded, the grant funds will be awarded in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and the estimated design and construction timeline for the City's project may last through Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Environmental Review:

☒ Not subject to review

☐ Negative Declaration

☐ Categorical Exemption, Section []

☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration

Fiscal Impact: None.

Public Notification: None.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 -

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE,
CALIFORNIA, REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR THE CONNECT MAIN
STREET PHASE 3-6 PROJECT FOR THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENTS CYCLE 4 REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) under Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359, and Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354; and

WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has statutory authority for the administration of the ATP and established necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the CTC has required in its ATP Guidelines that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) coordinate the competitive selection process to select projects to receive a portion of the ATP funding; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), as the MPO for the San Diego region, is conducting a competitive selection process for the Cycle 4 distribution of ATP funds in the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, SANDAG is required to submit the proposed ranked list of Regional ATP projects and funding recommendations to the CTC for final consideration; and

WHEREAS, SANDAG may offer a funding exchange with projects recommended through the Regional ATP competitive selection process which would reduce the administrative burden to local jurisdictions associated with federal funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, if a funding exchange is offered to City of Lemon Grove, the Connect Main Street Phase 3-6 Project (Project) would be removed from the regional ATP ranking and funded through the *TransNet* Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP); and

WHEREAS, the SANDAG Regional ATP competitive selection process requires applicants to submit a resolution from their governing body to be considered for *TransNet* funding in the event a funding exchange is offered; and

WHEREAS, City of Lemon Grove has submitted an application to receive ATP funds for the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that if SANDAG offers a funding exchange to the City of Lemon Grove for the Project, City of Lemon Grove commits to providing \$66,000 in matching funds from sources other than the *TransNet* ATGP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Lemon Grove authorizes staff to accept the *TransNet* ATGP funds and execute a grant agreement with SANDAG.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on _____, 2019, the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California, adopted Resolution No. _____, passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Racquel Vasquez, Mayor

Attest:

Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Kristen Steinke, City Attorney